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INSTALLATION AT IDAHO

The installation of the chapter occurred on the afternoon of June 5, 1922, in the parlors of the University Clubhouse at Moscow. Dr. Henry B. Ward, Professor of Zoology at the University of Illinois and National President of the Society of Sigma Xi, and Dr. Edward Ellery, Dean of the Faculty of Union College, Schenectady, N. Y., and National Secretary of the Society of Sigma Xi, conducted the installation ceremonies.

The following members of Sigma Xi were present at the installation—in each case is given the name of the chapter of Sigma Xi by which the person named was elected and the position now held at the University of Idaho:

M. F. Angell, Ph.D. (Wisconsin), Professor of Physics and Dean of the College of Letters and Science.

D. R. Barrows, M.D. (Colorado), Graduate Student in Microscopic Anatomy and Zoology.

C. E. Behre, M.F. (Yale), Assistant Professor of Forestry.

W. M. Gail, Ph.D. (Washington), Associate Professor of Botany.

W. M. Gibbs, Ph.D. (Wisconsin), Professor of Bacteriology and Bacteriologist, Idaho Experiment Station

C. W. Hungerford, M.S. (Wisconsin), Plant Pathologist, Idaho Experiment Station.

G. R. McDole, M.A. (Nebraska), Associate Professor of Agronomy, Soil Technologist.

T. G. Miller, M.F. (Nebraska), Professor of Forestry and Dean of the School of Forestry.

R. A. Muttkowski, Ph.D. (Wisconsin), Assistant Professor of Zoology and Entomology.

Eugene Taylor, M.A. (Wisconsin), Professor of Mathematics.

C. L. von Ende, Ph.D. (Iowa), Professor of Chemistry.

J. E. Wodsdalek, Ph.D. (Wisconsin), Professor of Zoology and Director of the Pre-Medical Curriculum

V. H. Young, Ph.D. (Wisconsin), Professor of Botany and Plant Pathology.

The following two were unavoidably absent:

J. A. Kostalek, Ph.D. (Illinois), Professor of Organic Chemistry.

Henry Schmitz, Ph.D. (Washington), Associate Professor of Forest Products.

The following men who were closely associated with the former Idaho Sigma Xi Club were also present:

- J. W. Barton, Associate Professor of Psychology.
- E. J. Baldwin, Assistant Professor of Chemistry.
- R. K. Bonnett, Professor of Farm Crops.
- R. B. Elder, Instructor in Metallurgy.
- A. W. Fahrenwald, Ore Dressing Engineer.
- T. D. Gerlough, Instructor in Chemistry.
- E. J. Iddings, Dean of Agriculture and Director of Idaho Experiment Station.
- H. W. Hulbert, Assistant Professor of Farm Crops.
- J. H. Johnson, Professor of Electrical Engineering.
- V. R. D. Kirkham, Instructor in Geology.
- F. B. Laney, Professor of Geology.
- C. N. Little, Professor of Civil Engineering and Dean of the College of Engineering.
- L. E. Longley, Associate Professor of Horticulture and Associate Horticulturist, Experiment Station.
- R. E. Neiding, Professor of Agricultural Chemistry and Chemist, Idaho Experiment Station.
- R. S. Snyder, Assistant Chemist, Idaho Experiment Station.
- F. A. Thomson, Professor of Mining and Metallurgy and Dean of the School of Mines.
- C. C. Vincent, Professor of Horticulture, and Horticulturist, Idaho Experiment Station.

In addition to the above, about ten Sigma Xi members of the Washington State College faculty were also present.

President Ward called the meeting to order and extended the greetings of the Society of Sigma Xi to the group who petitioned for a chapter to be installed at the University of Idaho. He said that Sigma Xi is not a secret society and, therefore, he took the liberty to invite the associate members of the Sigma Xi Club to attend the installation ceremonies along with the petitioners, for they had much to gain thereby. He then spoke at length emphasizing the fact that the sole function and purpose of the Society of Sigma Xi was the encouragement and promotion of research in the sciences; next he elaborated on the functions which should be performed by the chapter about to be installed. He further stated that Sigma Xi had been a source of inspiration and help to all institutions of

learning in which chapters had been installed and he hoped that the Idaho Chapter would be inspiring and helpful to the University of Idaho.

President Ward then called upon Secretary Ellery to read the petition for the chapter in support of which the following exhibit was submitted:

I. Letters of endorsement of the petition from the president of the university, past president of the university and the commissioner of education.

II. Record of the petitioners.

III. Record of the associate members of the University of Idaho Sigma Xi Club.

IV. Statistics pertaining to research opportunities and activities at the university.

V. A formal petition for the establishment of a chapter at the University of Idaho.

VI. Catalogues and copies of other university publications.

Dr. Ellery then announced that both the Executive Committee and the Convention of the Society of Sigma Xi at Toronto were unanimously in favor of the granting of a chapter to the University of Idaho. He followed this announcement with congratulatory remarks. Immediately after this, President Ward presented the charter to Professor J. E. Wodsedalek, president of the petitioning group, and formally announced the establishment of a chapter at the University of Idaho and stated that the chapter shall be known as the "Idaho Chapter."

Dr. Wodsedalek briefly thanked the national officers for their interest in the establishment of the Idaho Chapter. He further thanked the Society for the confidence it had exhibited in the University of Idaho and pledged the newly-created chapter to the ideals and purposes of Sigma Xi.

Dr. Ellery then delivered the charge to the chapter. He spoke briefly of the stages in the development of the Society since its inception at Cornell in 1886. The work and success of the Society were vividly portrayed. The qualifications to membership in Sigma Xi were contrasted with those of Phi Beta Kappa. He emphasized the qualifications of originality, independence and initiative as exhibited by the person's work, rather than records established and recorded in the registrar's office.

Two-thirds of the chapters now elect undergraduates to associate membership and graduate students to membership, and numerous young men and young women are being inspired in their scientific research by this organization.

Dr. Ellery also spoke of the high esteem in which Sigma Xi is held by the scientific world and of the new great movement in establishing Sigma Xi Fellowships which are actually supporting research work from the financial standpoint. He then explained how the Society was expanding its influence into foreign countries. In his concluding remarks he dwelt on the responsibilities resting upon the chapter and the fundamental necessity of continued emphasis on research as not only the chief but the only real reason for the organization of Sigma Xi. The charge was full of inspiration and received loud applause.

Following the charge a symposium was held by the national officers on the methods of achieving the purpose of the organization, the grades of membership and standards for each and the various private and public activities that have proved effective in different chapters. Many questions were asked by the members which were fully answered by the installation officers.

Dr. Ward and Dean Ellery officiated the organization of the chapter and the election of the chapter officers. The following officers were elected: President, Dr. J. E. Wodsedalek; Vice-president, Dr. M. F. Angell; Secretary, Dr. Henry Schmitz; Treasurer, Professor C. E. Behre.

The officers were installed and Dr. J. E. Wodsedalek, president-elect, was escorted to the chair by Dr. Ward and Dr. Ellery. Professor Wodsedalek briefly thanked his fellow-members for the honor which they had conferred upon him. He stated that he regarded it as a distinct honor especially in view of the fact that he had acted in a similar capacity for several terms in connection with the former Idaho Sigma Xi Club. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

A formal banquet was held in the evening at Lindley Hall, University Campus. Among the hundred guests of the chapter were Dr. Ward, Dean Ellery, Dr. A. H. Upham, President of the University, Dr. E. A. Bryan, Commissioner of Education of Idaho, Miss Ethel Redfield, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Dr. Melander of Washington State College, members of the Idaho

Board of Regents, the associate members of the former Idaho Sigma Xi Club, and the deans and heads of the arts and letters divisions of the university.

Dr. J. E. Wodsedalek acted as toastmaster and toasts were responded to by Dr. Ward, Dean Ellery, President Upham and Commissioner Bryan.

The installation took place during Commencement week. Dean Ellery delivered the baccalaureate sermon and Dr. Ward gave the commencement address. Dean Ellery's subject was "The Hills of Human Help," while that of Dr. Ward was "The Struggle of Man with Wild Life in North America." By virtue of the addresses by these men of national prominence and the installation of a Sigma Xi Chapter, the Commencement Week of 1922 will long be remembered at Idaho as the most significant event in the history of the university.

J. E. WODSEDALEK,
HENRY SCHMITZ.